

Dear Sophie,

Environmental Health have reviewed the Ground and Water Topsoil Validation Report, dated September 2026, and we have the following comments to make:

1. The fact that the validation exercise undertaken in August 2026 found sufficient depths of topsoil and, when compared to UK assessment criteria, no elevated levels of contamination is welcomed.
2. We appreciate that the private dwellings will be validated at a later date, we note however that not all soft landscaping areas of the care home side of the development have been subject to this validation exercise, in particular the area where the topsoil is stockpiled, an area to the south of the main care home building and the soft landscaping to the west of the car parking have not been subject to any validation.

We would welcome comments clarifying why the validation exercise was limited to certain parts of the care home side of the development.

Kind regards

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